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[1](#)1. (C) Summary: On January 28, Egypt re-started the implementation of a \$23 million FMF-funded tunnel detection program along the Egypt-Gaza b
[1](#)2. (C) Summary continued: Reports indicate that Egypt's increased efforts to combat smuggling (ref A) are bearing fruit. We have seen reports
[1](#)3. (C) On February 1, ACE personnel noticed that a previously installed 10-meter long piece of plastic piping and been cut, leading the team t
[1](#)4. (SBU) In January 2009, MOD agreed to accelerate installation, condensing into one phase three previously planned phases along the 9 kilomet
[1](#)5. (C) Initial reports indicate that increased Egyptian efforts to curb smuggling have already been successful. According to ConGen Jerusalem,
[1](#)6. (C) Continued Israeli air strikes aimed at destroying tunnels long the Philadelphi corridor between Egypt and Gaza has also raised security
[1](#)7. (C) Post has no specific threats against Americans at this time. Potential threats to ACE and Egyptian installation personnel, however, wil
[1](#)8. (C) Comment: The serendipitous discovery and consequent destruction of a main tunnel is a significant step forward for Egypt's efforts to c